

monitors' character: paraprachnikij (cornets) was in a certain report, captured from one page to another. The Emperor, for a proper name and moved by his caprice he gave orders that Ensign should be promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He saw an expression of embarrassment and disappointment on the faces of the staff, who did not dare explain his error, so the next day he promoted the lieutenant of the day before to the rank of captain and some days later to the rank of colonel, demanding that the officer who had presented him to him at once. There was a commotion everywhere; the officers were turned upside down in the search of the Imperial Kij. A subaltern of the name, something like it, was found in one of the regiments quartered on the Don. He was sent for, but Paul grew impatient and in the end he had to be told that the officer had been carried off suddenly by a stroke. It was a pity, observed the Czar; he was a good soldier."

Paul I. was considered by many historians as mentally unbalanced and many facts in his career, such as related in the above story, seem to point to that deduction. Mr. Walliszewski however, finds much to indicate that he was the victim of time and circumstance and in this biography has un-